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TAGS: OVIP (MCCLOSKEY, PETE)

SUBJECT: CODEL MCCLOSKEY TRAVEL PLANS

1. EA/ANP OFFICERS BRIEFED CONG. MCCLOSKEY FEBRUARY 7. CONGRESSMAN STATED FINAL PLANS FOR TRAVEL TO NEW ZEALAND CANNOT BE MADE UNTIL SCHEDULE OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES IS KNOWN. IF COMMITTEE SCHEDULE CONFLICTS WITH PROPOSED TRAVEL, CONGRESSMAN MAY HAVE TO CANCEL TRAVEL PLANS.

2. IF TIME ALLOWS, CONGRESSMAN WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS SHIPPING AND MARITIME MATTERS WITH KNOWLEDGABLE NEW ZEALANDERS. DEPTOFFS SUGGESTED HE PLAN TO SPEND ONE DAY IN AUCKLAND TO MEET WITH SIR TOM SKINNER AND OTHER MEMBERS NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING CORP. MEETINGS WITH GNZ TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS IN WELLINGTON WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL.

3. CONGRESSMAN WAS AGREEABLE TO SUGGESTION THAT HE PAY
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COURTESY CALLS ON GOVERNMENT (PERHAPS MINISTER OF TRANSPORT) AND OPPOSITION LEADERS.

4. CONGRESSMAN ALSO INDICATED AN INTEREST IN VISITING CENTRAL NORTH ISLAND -- PERHAPS BY RENTED CAR FROM

AUCKLAND TO TAUPO, THEN BY AIR TO WELLINGTON. DEPTOFFS

SUGGESTED MCCLOSKEY CONTACT GNZ AMBASSADOR WHITE TO
DISCUSS AREAS OF INTEREST NEAR TAUPO.

5. AS ALL OF THE ABOVE IS DEPENDENT ON YET-TO-BE-
DETERMINED COMMITTEE SCHEDULE IN WASHINGTON, EMBASSY
SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION ON ARRANGING MEETINGS AT THIS
TIME. DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS TRAVEL PLANS
ARE FIRM.
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